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E.O. 11652: XGDS 1 & 2

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SUBJECT: BELIZE MEDIATION

1. I TALKED TO SOL LINOWITZ ABOUT BELIZE MEDIATION. HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT HE SHOULD NOT TAKE IT ON FOR TWO OR THREE REASONS. HE EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO BE QUITE OCCUPIED WITH THE PANAMA TREATY RATIFICATION PROCESS AND BELIEVES THAT TO GET INVOLVED AT THIS TIME IN SOMETHING THAT MAY BE AS CONTROVERSIAL AND TIME-CONSUMING AS THE BELIZE ISSUE WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE. HE ALSO FEELS THAT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE CONTROVERSIAL.

2. I SAW DEAN RUSK YESTERDAY AND HE SAID THAT HIS HEALTH WAS SUCH THAT HE CANNOT TAKE ON ANY TASKS.

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3. TERRY TODMAN AND I HAVE TALKED OVER OTHER POSSIBILITIES. ONE NAME THAT WE BOTH CONSIDERED AS A REAL POSSIBILITY WOULD BE BILL ROGERS, THE FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WHO KNOWS ALL OF THE PLAYERS INVOLVED AS WELL AS BEING FULLY AWARE OF THE ISSUES. WE HAVE NOT SOUNDED HIM OUT AND YOU MAY HAVE OTHER POSSIBILITIES IN MIND. I THINK WE SHOULD INFORM TED

ROWLANDS OF SOL'S UNAVAILABILITY. IF YOU WANT TO TRY OUT ANY OTHER NAMES ON ROWLANDS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

4. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM A SEPARATE TELEGRAM, TODMAN WAS CALLED BY ROEL FOR A DISCUSSION OF BELIZE. HE WILL BE MEETING IN MEXICO CITY THIS FRIDAY AND WE WILL THEN HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE THE MEXICANS STAND. CHRISTOPHER

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